

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A print system comprising:

an input unit for inputting a contact destination
to be contacted at end of printing;

5 a printer for printing an image on a visible
recording medium;

a first determination unit for determining whether
printing by said printer has ended; and

a transmitting unit, which is responsive to a
10 determination by said determination unit that printing
has ended, for transmitting data indicating that
printing has ended to a data processing unit, which is
specified by the contact destination that has been input
by said input unit, via a communication channel.

15 2. The system according to claim 1, wherein said data
processing unit is capable of short-distance
communication with said print system;

said input unit receives identification data, which
identifies said data processing unit, as the contact
20 destination transmitted from said processing unit by
short-distance communication; and

the transmitting unit transmits the data indicating
that printing has ended to said data processing unit,
which is identified by the identification data, by
25 short-distance communication.

3. The system according to claim 2, further comprising
an image data receiving unit for receiving image data
transmitted from said data processing unit by short-

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distance communication;

wherein said printer records an image represented
by the image data, which has been received by said
image-data receiving unit, on a visible recording
5 medium.

4. The system according to claim 3, further comprising:

a request data receiving unit for receiving data
indicating a print extraction request transmitted from
said data processing unit by short-distance

10 communication;

a second determination unit for determining, in
accordance with receipt of the print extraction request
data by said request data receiving unit, whether the
data processing unit that transmitted the print

15 extraction request data is that of a user authorized to
acquire a print; and

a printer control unit for ejecting a visible
recording medium, on which printing has been performed
by said printer, in response to a determination by said
20 second determination unit that the user is authorized.

5. A data processing unit that is capable of short-
distance communication with a print system, comprising:

a transmitting unit for transmitting identification
data, which is for identifying the data processing unit,
25 by short-distance communication to said print system as
a contact destination to be contacted at end of
printing;

a receiving unit for receiving data transmitted by

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short-distance communication from said print system
indicating that printing has ended; and

a notification unit for giving notification of end
of printing in response to receipt of printing-end data
5 by said receiving unit.

6. A print system comprising:

a printer for printing an image and an
identification code, which is for identifying the owner
of the image, on a visible recording medium;

10 a holding mechanism for holding, within the print
system, visible recording media on which printing has
been performed by said printer;

an identification-code notification unit for giving
notification of the identification code printed on the
15 visible recording medium by said printer;

an identification-code input unit for inputting the
identification code; and

an ejection unit for ejecting, from said holding
mechanism to the outside of said print system, the
20 visible recording medium on which the input
identification code has been recorded from among the
visible recording media being held by said holding
mechanism.

7. A method of controlling operation of a print system
25 comprising the steps of:

inputting a contact destination to be contacted at
end of printing;

printing an image on a visible recording medium;

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determining whether the printing has ended; and

in response to a determination that printing has ended, transmitting data indicating that printing has ended to a data processing unit, which is specified by
5 the contact destination that has been input, via a communication channel.

8. A method of controlling operation of a data processing unit that is capable of short-distance communication with a print system, comprising the steps

10 of:

transmitting identification data, which is for identifying the data processing unit, by short-distance communication to the print system as a contact destination to be contacted at end of printing;

15 receiving data transmitted by short-distance communication from the print system indicating that printing has ended; and

giving notification of end of printing in response to receipt of printing-end data.

20 9. A method of controlling operation of a print system comprising the steps of:

printing an image and an identification code, which is for identifying the owner of the image, on a visible recording medium;

25 holding, within the print system, visible recording media on which printing has been performed;

giving notification of the identification code printed on the visible recording medium;

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inputting the identification code; and
ejecting, to the exterior of the print system, the
visible recording medium on which the input
identification code has been recorded from among the
5 visible recording media being held.

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